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I am a subscriber of XM Satellite Radio, and I find it to be a wonderful thing. The new local content on traffic and weather is useful, and the selection of available stations allows me to listen to types of music that are not available elsewhere (i.e. there are not a lot of 'African', 'Reggae', or 'Latin Jazz' stations available over the air, even in LA where there are lots of FM/AM stations.)

I choose to pay for this service, and I don't think that the National Association of Broadcasters, or the FCC, should dictate what you are permitted to hear. If I want to hear local news I will turn on FM and listen to NPR, or one of the local all new stations, but XM radio gives me another option.

** I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Thank you very much,
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